(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Air-India constantly reviews the traffic profile in the country & plans international services out of India on the basis of traffic potential, commercial viability & availability of capacity. Presently, there is no proposal to start direct international flights from any new locations in the country.

I.T.D.C. functioning without any Board

3343. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ITDC is functioning without any Board;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the strength of the Board as per the Company Law under which the ITDC is registered as compared to the number as on date; and

(d) what are the qualifications of the present Directors for ITDC?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) As per Articles of Association of ITDC, the number of Directors of the Company shall not be less than two and more than fifteen. At present there are only two official Directors on the Board.

Resignation of Deputy Managing Director of Air-India

3344. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be please to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Managing Director of Air-India has resigned;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there have been sharp differences between the present Chairman and Deputy Managing Director in respect of Marketing Plan of Air-India and on the score of privatisation of Air-India; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The present Deputy Managing Director, Air-India has submitted his request for voluntary retirement.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Committee for the welfare of the minorities

3345. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any committee in his Ministry for monitoring implementation of the 15 Point Programme for the welfare of the minorities; and

(b) if so, what are the details with regard to such Committee in his Ministry and the number of persons who have been provided with employment during the past three years under the programme?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir. A Joint Secretary in the Department of Civil Aviation has been nominated as the Nodal Officer for monitoring implementation of the 15 Point Programme for the welfare of the minorities.

(b) During the last three years a total of 791 persons belonging to minority communities have been provided employment in the organisations under the Department of Civil Aviation.